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SUBJ: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ACTIVITY

1. SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IS CONTINUING ITS EXAMINATION OF VOTER TALLY SHEETS FROM PROVINCES. ASSEMBLY WILL PROBABLY MEET IN PLENARY SESSION IN WEEK OR SO TO ANNOUNCE "TEMPORARY RESULTS" OF ELECTION. ALTERNATE POSSIBILITY IS THAT ASSEMBLY WILL DEFER ANNOUNCEMENT OF TEMPORARY RESULTS UNTIL IT RECONVENES TO CONSIDER FINDINGS OF CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL (AFTER SEPTEMBER 25). ENTIRE VALIDATION PROCESS MUST OF COURSE BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 2.

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2. IN CONVERSATION MORNING SEPTEMBER 16, ASSEMBLY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER [redacted] SAID THAT "ABOUT HALF" OF DEPUTIES SEEM IN MOOD TO INVALIDATE ELECTION. [redacted] ADDED THAT SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAS COME ACROSS NUMEROUS INCONSISTENCIES IN REPORTS FROMUHOLLING PLACES. HE SAID CONCE

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NSUS SEEMS TO BE TO
INVALIDATE ELECTION IF IRREGULARITIES ARE FOUND IN MORE THAN
30 PERCENT OF TALLY SHEETS. HOWEVER, [redacted] EXPRESSED VIEW THAT MANY
OF THESE WERE PROBABLY UNINTENTIONAL MISTAKES, AND THAT IN ANY CASE
THEY ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT INVALIDATION OF ELECTION.
[redacted] ATTRIBUTES ATTITUDE OF MANY DEPUTIES TOWARD ELECTION
TO THEIR OWN DEFEAT IN UPPER HOUSE RACE, AND BELIEVES MAJORITY
WILL EVENTUALLY SEE THE LIGHT AND VOTE TO VALIDATE PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTION. HE PERSONALLY BELIEVES INVALIDATION OF ELECTION WOULD
BE UNDESIRABLE AND DANGEROUS.

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3. DEPUTY [redacted] AN INDEPENDENT WITH PRO-GOVERNMENT
AND SPECIFICALLY PRO-KY LEANINGS, ALSO SAID SPECIAL COMMITTEE
HAS NOTED MANY IRREGULARITIES IN VOTER TALLY SHEETS. [redacted] IS NOT
A MEMBER OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.) HOWEVER, LIKE [redacted] HE BELIEVES
MOST OF THEM WERE HONEST MISTAKES MADE BY VERY TIRED ELECTION
OFFICIALS.

4. IN OTHER BUSINESS, [redacted] SAID THAT ASSEMBLY OFFICE HAS SELECTED
DO AI, VNQDD DEPUTY FROM DANANG, TO REPLACE LY VAN HIEP ON
PRESIDENTIAL CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL.

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